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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ESTC, UR

SUBJECT: SALE OF RCA VIDEOTAPE RECORDING (VTR)

EQUIPMENT: BEWT CASE NO. 994176

1. RCA INTERNATIONAL, LTD., HELD FIVE-DAY SEMINAR/EQUIPMENT EXHIBIT LAST WEEK (NOVEMBER 22-26) IN MOSCOW'S FRUNZENSKAYA NABEREZHNYAYA EXHIBIT HALL. THREE ITEMS OF TELEVISION BROADCASTING EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING CAMERAS AND ONE VTR PROCESSING UNIT WERE DISPLAYED. ACCORDING TO RCA VICE PRESIDENT FOR EUROPE, P.J. MURRIN, SOVIETS SIGNED PURCHASE CONTRACT FOR ALL ITEMS DISPLAYED ON FLOOR AND, IN ADDITION, ORDERED ONE MORE OF EACH UNIT FOR DELIVERY IN JANUARY, 1977. TOTAL SALE, ACCORDING TO MURRIN, AMOUNTED TO JUST UNDER \$500,000.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM MURRIN THAT U.S. EXPORT LICENSES WERE RECEIVED ON ALL ITEMS EXCEPT FOR VTR EQUIPMENT DESCRIBED IN BEWT LICENSE CASE NO. 994176. IN VIEW OF UNEXPECTED SOVIET BUYING INTEREST, MURRIN IS SEEKING USCO ADVICE ON BEST WAY TO PROCEED. HE ALLEGES THAT AMPEX VTR EQUIPMENT SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH RCA DISPLAYED AT LAST WEEK'S EXHIBIT HAS ALREADY BEEN SOLD IN USSR. WITHOUT COMMENTING ON LATTER CLAIM, WE AGREED TO INQUIRE AS TO LIKELY TIME WHEN LICENSE APPLICATION FOR VTR EQUIPMENT.

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MENT IN QUESTION WOULD BE ACTED UPON.

3. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER LICENSE DECISION IN SUBJECT CASE WILL
BE MADE SOON ENOUGH FOR RCA TO AVOID NECESSITY OF SHIPPING EQUIP-
MENT OUTSIDE OF USSR FOR STORAGE PENDING LICENSE APPROVAL.
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